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THE PACER

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, MARTIN

NEWS BITES

Faculty Senate holds forum

The Faculty Senate will hold a general faculty meeting at 3:15 p.m. today in Gooch Auditorium.

The meeting will be an open forum to discuss issues that faculty feel are important to UTM.

BSA will hold Ebony Awards

The BSA will conduct its annual Ebony Awards at 7:30 tonight in the Humanities Auditorium. Admission is \$1.

Music fraternity performs tonight

Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity will present its spring musical at 8 tonight at the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine Arts building.

The program will contain a variety of piano, instrumental and vocal works. It is free and open to the public.

Stevenson, Maupin vie for SGA vice pres in one of only two contested Cabinet races

BRIAN HOLLAND
Executive Editor

Vice president and secretary of finance will be the only contested races when students vote today for seven SGA Cabinet offices and a student representative on the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Attorney General Frank Stevenson, a sophomore Political Science major from Nashville, and Congress Parliamentarian Eric Maupin, a sophomore Ag Business/Communications major from Newbern, Tenn., are both running for vice president in one of the only two contested races.

Three Cabinet members are uncontested in seeking a second term of their current office: President Cherie Gillespie, a junior Pre-Dentistry major from Five Point, Tenn.; Secretary of Communications Katrina Berry, a sophomore Communications major from Trezevant, Tenn.; and Cynthia Alexander, a junior English major from Memphis.

Election Commissioner Jennifer Childress, a sophomore Business Administration major from Bogota, Tenn., is running unopposed for THEC representative. If elected, she will serve as a non-voting member of the board for one year beginning July 1, 1995.

Three students are vying for secretary of finance: Kyle Williams, a

freshman Political Science major from Martin; Jana Sinclair, a junior Business Administration major from Collinwood, Tenn.; and Tawana Neely, a junior Biology major from Bolivar.

Williams is currently chairman of Freshman Council, while Sinclair is chief justice on Cabinet, and Neely is Minority Rep in Congress.

Congress Arts and Sciences Rep

Buffy Stone, a sophomore Pre-Physical Therapy major from Westmoreland, Tenn. is running unopposed for the office of secretary general.

Students may vote from 8-5 today on the second floor of the UC.

This year's election marks the third year in a row that either one or both of the top two Cabinet positions have gone unopposed. Two years ago, both

president and vice president were uncontested; last year, vice president was uncontested, and there were just two candidates for president.

Both of this year's candidates for vice president say that, if elected, they want to make SGA more accessible to students and to make sure that student concerns and suggestions are addressed.

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FRANK STEVENSON, SGA attorney general and vice president candidate, addresses students at the SGA Speakout Tuesday night.



ERIC MAUPIN, SGA Congress parliamentarian, is also running for vice president.

Photos by Brian Holland

27B—6 wins 'Battle of the Bands,' \$1,500

BRIAN HOLLAND
Executive Editor

The UTM student band 27B—6 received numerous prizes, including \$1,500, for winning the eight-week long "Battle of the Bands," March 1 at Tremors in Jackson.

The band, which consists of four UTM Music majors, played in three rounds of competition against bands from as far away as Arkansas.

In addition to the \$1,500, 27B—6 won a trophy, 12 hours of recording time at a Jackson studio and \$400 worth of sound equipment.

Members of 27B—6 are: Micah Barnes, bass guitar/lead vocals; Matt Adams, lead guitar/back-up vocals; Jay McCutcheon, drums; and Andy Willhite, rhythm guitar/back-up vocals.

The band plays all kinds of music,

including jazz, rock 'n' roll and originals.

27B—6 began playing together at the beginning of the semester when Willhite got involved with the other three, who went by the name MBA (McCutcheon, Barnes, Adams) at the

27B—6 says they hope victory will encourage support for UTM bands

Members of the band 27B—6 hope their victory Wednesday night at the "Battle of the Bands" at Tremors in Jackson will send a message about the music scene at UTM:

"There's a lot of talented musicians on campus, and there's a lot more bands than just us," said 27B—6 lead

vocalist and bassist Micah Barnes.

time.

Barnes said the band members hope the victory at the "Battle of the Bands" will help 27B—6 land recording opportunities and perhaps even propel them into a career in

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"So many bands at UTM come and go because there are no places for them to play."

Since the band formed in the beginning of the semester, 27B—6 has found that there are few places around campus to play.

And opportunities for campus bands to get paying gigs around Martin are almost nil, causing many of

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Museum features fossil exhibit

A variety of four-hundred-million-year-old fossilized life forms are on display until April 10 during the "Fossils: The Tools of the Paleontologist" exhibit at the University Museum in Holland McCombs Center.

The fossils, donated by amateur collector Tom Witherspoon, illustrate how paleontologists discover ancient life and reconstruct their ecosystems.

Tours may be scheduled for mornings, afternoons or evenings. Contact Dr. S. K. Airee, the director of the University Museum at 587-7454 for more information.

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Opinion

THE PACER SAYS...

Music scene is worthy of campus support

Fat, bare-footed men in overalls pickin' fiddles, pluckin' banjos and blowin' on empty moonshine bottles.

That's probably the image that is conjured up for most people when they hear the phrase "Martin music scene."

But as the UTM student band 27B—6 emphasized last week with its victory at the "Battle of the Bands" in Jackson, many talented musicians and bands have developed on campus, despite a climate that

makes it difficult for student musicians to prosper.

In addition to 27B—6's victory, another student band, Felix, made it to the semifinals round of the competition.

And this wasn't some fly-by-night little competition. It attracted bands from all over the state and from as far away as Arkansas. And for two bands

from UTM to do as well as they did at this prestigious competition says something about UTM. No, we're not Seattle or Nashville, but with the growing popularity of campus bands, maybe the phrase "Martin music scene" will no longer be a contradiction in terms.

As 27B—6 lead vocalist/bassist Micah Barnes put it, one reason why — at least in the past — there haven't been a lot of good student bands at UTM is because every time a band gets good enough to get paying gigs, they go to places where they can get paid — in Jackson, Nashville and Memphis — rather than Martin.

The SAC Café House has helped to give students a chance to hear UTM bands like 27B—6 and Felix. But band members complain that the Café House will pay to bring in outside entertainment but won't pay campus bands, who regularly get paying gigs off campus.

Instead Café House could do hold a regular local music night where some of the better local bands and acts are featured and paid for their performance. This small incentive might keep some of the bands playing at UTM and provide them funds to purchase new or better equipment.

Despite the success of these rock acts, other types of music need to be developed on campus. Where's the country music, rap, rhythm and blues, jazz or any other kind of band? Rock 'n' roll is a good start, but let's see diversity.

27B—6 and Felix should be congratulated for their fine showings in the "Battle of the Bands." Hopefully, this win will springboard 27B—6 on to bigger and better things. Also, their success should be a springboard for local closet musicians to come out and get involved in this new and exciting era in Martin entertainment.

ISSUE

Local music acts see recent success

OUR COMMENT

Fledgling scene needs support



Despite the outcry of angry dirt activists lobbying for equal exposure, ardent water supporters came out in droves Monday night to hear Dr. Bruce Beck's speech.

YOU SAY...

Dover native points out error in Pacer

Dear Editor,

I am writing concerning an article about the visiting Japanese students. You wrote that they toured many places including Fort Donelson in Nashville, Tenn.

Fort Donelson is actually located in Dover, Tenn. Our town is small, and Fort Donelson is one of the few things we have. I just wanted to clear up that small mistake.

Mandi Johannes
Freshman
Elementary Education

spending. To build new parking lots because we need more and then to destroy parking lots for things that we can do without (i.e. a clocktower plaza) seems a little stupid. Sure a new sign at Mt. Pelia and University would look nice, but \$275,000 would buffer a great deal of the expense of school for many, many people who would like to better themselves but just can't afford it.

My point is one that I've heard from others besides myself, and that is that the University needs to get some priorities, at least some different ones. We are here to receive an education, not to look at (or pay for) trees, a new gateway or anything else that will not help us to achieve that goal.

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(Editor's Note: The money from financial aid that will be used to offset the cut in state funding is not being cut from next year's budget. The money was surplus from last year's scholarship fund and would have been re-allocated in this year's budget.)

UTM needs to set some new priorities

Dear Editor,

I am writing concerning the issue of The Pacer for Feb. 16. That issue is the one where we were told about the cuts in the upcoming budget amounting to over \$400,000 and that one of the many ways the university is swallowing those cuts is to cut funding for financial aid. Then we were told the following week that proposed plans are to build expansions and such totaling \$19,411,400. One of the reasons given for these expansions is growth in enrollment.

I don't know any figures, but something tells me that those students on financial aid are not a small minority. The point to this is: does it not defeat the purpose of making room for new students if financial aid for students will be cut?

Another problem is with needless

Students should have supported Lady Pacers

Dear Editor,

First of all, congratulations to the Lady Pacers for making it to the OVC tournament. They put forth an outstanding effort and achieved something most people only dream of.

Secondly, I would like to address the student body of UTM. Nashville is, at most, a three-hour drive. It would have been a great boost to the ladies if more of the student body had been there to support them. They deserve more respect and recognition than they have received.

Their game against Eastern Kentucky was well-played and hard-

fought. They put forth 110 percent until the final buzzer, and they never gave up, even though they were down. Their effort makes me proud to say I am a UTM student and a supporter of Lady Pacer athletics.

To Tara, Julianne and Katina — thanks for the many wonderful memories of the past years. You will not be forgotten! To the rest of the team — good luck in the coming seasons. I'm looking forward to seeing you play next year, especially at the OVC tournament.

Mary Witherington
Post Graduate
P.E. / Health Licensure

Spend money on facilities, not mascot

Dear Editor,

Stop the madness. We are treating this mascot like some god. In the future I wish we would use our money more wisely. Like to help improve the campus, making more scholarships to get better players (although I am aware that NCAA regulations only permit for a certain number of scholarships), or maybe improving athletic facilities. I'm also aware there are not any NCAA regulations for athletic facilities.

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Rights needed for us lefties

From the That's All I'm Sayin' Files: Rightie's Always Trying to Keep Us Down!



JONATHAN HAUPT
Guest Column

"Are you all right?" you ask. No. I most certainly am not all right. Right now, my people are suffering at the hands of oppression. We have tried to play the game by their rules. We have tried to adapt ourselves to their world. We have silently taken their blatant prejudice for far too long. Our side of the story must be told! There is nothing left for my people to do but to raise our collective hand in defiance of the so-called "right" ways. The dawn of the revolution is at hand ... the left hand, that is.

We are called "Lefties," an insulting slang word that we have taken from Rightie and now use ourselves to destigmatize the term. Our numbers are legion. Look around a classroom and see how many of us surround you. Our membership might even spread into your own family. Perhaps even (insert the deity of your choice here) is one of us. We can be overlooked no longer!

We will not be denied the equality that Rightie keeps from us. Oh sure, we get the occasional bone thrown our way, like left-handed scissors, but that's just not gonna cut it anymore. Everything from handshakes to desks to slot machines to toilet handles are designed by Rightie to ensure his people maintain the power structure of this country. When technology advances, Rightie decided to put the number keys

and the mouse on his side of the computer. Rightie is always trying to keep us down. And when we suggest reform, Rightie tells us to move to England and drive on the other side of the street till our hearts are content! England, indeed! No, Rightie, you can't get rid of us that easily. We have as much claim to this land as you do.

Riddle me this: Why is this column on the left side of the page? Did anyone even ask me if I wanted it here? No. Of course not. I'm just a Leftie. My opinion is meaningless to Rightie. Why does Paper-boy (or feel free to substitute your own demeaning W. Matt "Quag" Meyer nickname here) think that he should always be on the right? Maybe I wanted to be on the right. W. Matt didn't even consider that. Know why? He's a Rightie; that's why! That's just so typical of the Rightie mentality that he probably doesn't even know he's doing it. He just assumes his actions are acceptable because his people are in the majority.

And then there are these ambidextrous people. What the (expletive) is that all about? One or the other, people. I'm not telling you how to live — all I'm saying is pick a lane and drive.

Don't deny your Leftie nature.

Embrace it. Step out of the shadows of seecrey and silent conformity and let the world see you as you are. Unshackle yourself from the chains of your double life and join-with us. Know that your brothers and sisters in the Leftie Struggle are with you all the way.

Tell me, why is it that right is associated with being correct ("right on") and left is associated with remaining ("leftovers")? What makes right any better than left? Why does Rightie fear us?

There is a simple answer that we all know and have said so many times in so many different circumstances that the words have ceased to mean anything: "People always fear and hate those different from themselves."

Rightie, you currently have nothing to fear from us. We are not extremists. Our goal is not domination. We only want equality. Is that so hard for you to grasp?

Verily, it is true that everything is not all right with the world. Rightie, you better start making some changes right quick. My people are ready to take the gloves off if we don't get some respect. We don't want to take over, we just want you to understand our different needs and to meet us halfway.

Come on, Rightie. We'll give you a hand.

That's all I'm sayin'.

Haupt is a senior English major from Martin. He is the only student at UTM with his own fan club and filing system.

Seeing as how I'm about to get released from this prison called college, I thought I would embark on an attempt to give some of my thoughts on the whole process and suggestions for those who will remain behind.

This will not be accomplished in one column, but I would venture to guess that — barring some campus

apply my love for Motley Crue into a career. I'm also into art, and I draw cars. I also like to work on cars. I guess I could major in Engineering. Or Biology. I guess — I do own a fish. Ahhh, who cares. Let's go to Tony's and eat cheesesticks."

Sophomore — "I don't know. Leave me alone."

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM ...

By W. Matt Meyer



incident which deserves ridicule — most of my remaining columns will be a summary of college life as lived by W. Matt Meyer, humble journalist.

I do this not to glorify myself, but to take up space. No, I'm kidding. I feel I have important things to say about events in my life at UTM that I believe are universal enough for everyone to understand and maybe learn from.

This first installment is an exploration of the four phases of college life — freshman, sophomore, junior and senior — and how each is distinctly different. Each person handles each phase differently, kind of like we each lance a boil differently, but there is a way to tell each one.

The easiest way I know how to ascertain a person's status is to listen to his/her answers to three key questions. Remember, the following responses are all the same individual at the four different phases of his/her college career.

What's your major?

Freshman — "I'm really into music, but I'm not sure how I could

Junior — "I'm double majoring in Philosophy and Political Science, and I plan on going to law school after I take the LSAT."

Senior — "I changed my mind. I hate law. I hate minute details. I'm changing my major to Communications."

How are your classes going?

Freshman — "I guess they're all right, I haven't been for, like, two weeks — I've been sick and there was a death in my family. But I know what date the test is and most teachers don't take roll anyway."

Sophomore — "Fine. Leave me alone."

Junior — "My upper divisions are great. There's this one, where we all sit on this big couch in the prof's office. We usually sit and talk about people for 20 minutes and then he lectures for 10 minutes on what our final project is supposed to be, and then we leave."

Senior — "They are such a joke! Why am I wasting my time with these stupid filler classes? Who cares about the Renaissance? All I want to do is get out of here and go work in the real world."

What are you doing this weekend?

Freshman — "I'm going to Memphis with a friend Friday night, and then we're going to a party in Little Rock on Saturday. It's gonna rock! I hope we get back in time for class Monday morning. We're gonna be so dead!"

Sophomore — "Nothing. Leave me alone."

Junior — "I guess I'm going to work on my big projects that are due. I'm so busy during the week, things just pile up. I think a bunch of us are getting up a game of Ultimate frisbee on Saturday, and we may hang out by the pond later and play guitar."

Senior — "I don't know, but I won't be out there with those stupid hippies throwing the frisbee around and singing protest songs. What a waste of time! Don't they realize they have to grow up someday?"

Basically, to sum up, freshmen are idiots, sophomores are scared, juniors are idealistic twinkies and seniors are always right about everything — and that opinion is completely biased.

Meyer is a senior Communications major from Jackson. He is childproof, fireproof and foolproof.

Campus Quotes

compiled by Jack D. Elliott

Will you vote in the SGA elections? Why/why not?



"I WILL VOTE IF I'M AROUND WHEN THE BALLOTS ARE OUT."

Alex Bigger, Senior



"YES I'M GOING TO VOTE, BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE ALL OF US TO HAVE MORE OUTSTANDING LEADERS."

Kymberly Morgan, Freshman



"YES, I'M GOING TO VOTE BECAUSE I THINK SGA SHOULD BE DOING MORE TO MOTIVATE STUDENT INTEREST IN UTM."

Clint Saulsberry, Senior



"PROBABLY, BECAUSE I FEEL STUDENTS SHOULD GET INVOLVED. AND IF YOU DONT VOTE YOU CANT BITCH."

Adrian Montague, Freshman



"YES, IF YOU DONT VOTE YOU CANT MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

April Nettles, Freshman



"I GUESS I WILL, SO I CAN SAY I DID MY PART FOR THE UNIVERSITY."

Mike Casteel, Senior

SAC, Campus Rec plan two outdoor events

Rock climbing, canoeing and rafting are events that have been scheduled for this semester by the SAC Recreation and Travel Committee.

A one-day climbing expedition is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at Shawnee National Forest. The cost of the trip is \$20. This includes transportation, equipment use and lunch.

"I'd definitely go again. Rock-climbing is a neat sport. There is no feeling like hanging on a rock by your fingernails ... fifty feet off the ground," said Brian Bonds, a freshman Mechanical Engineering major from Hendersonville, Tenn., who went on the trip last semester.

Campus Rec has also scheduled a backpacking, canoeing and climbing trip for April 7-9 in the Big South Fork National Recreation

Area. Cost is \$35 and includes transportation, equipment use and fees. The pre-trip meeting will be held Wednesday, April 5, in the student lounge.

The final trip this semester will be a white-water-rafting expedition on the Ocoee River April 29-30. The river has Class 3 and 4 rapids. The pre-trip meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26, in the student lounge.

No prior experience is needed to participate in any of the activities.

To sign up for any of these trips call the Campus Rec office at 587-7745.

SAC and Campus Rec are also requesting suggestions for future trips. Students with suggestions should call Brian Brown, assistant director of Campus Rec, at 587-7793.

ELECTIONS: VP candidates say they want to be students' voice

From the cover...

"I want to make sure students feel comfortable relating with SGA and bring us their ideas," Maupin said. "We're representing them. What we're here for is to make sure the students' ideas get taken care of."

"I'm sincere about the idea of being the voice for the students," Stevenson said. "For every organization, for every student, I want to be their voice, and address their concerns."

Maupin has spearheaded

Congress's efforts to give students a "grace period," in which instructors wouldn't be allowed to give tests for a certain period of time before finals. He said following through on that project would be one of his top priorities if elected.

"I want to get that done whether I become vice-president or not," he said. "There's a lot of things like that which need to be done on campus that we're not doing right now."

A good working relationship with Faculty Senate and the chancellor

would be another area Maupin said he would focus on if elected.

Stevenson said entertainment would be one of his top priorities if elected. Working closely with the SAC to make sure that it is successful in its first year would be one of his goals, he said.

"I want to change the whole suite-case-college atmosphere (at UTM)," Stevenson said. "I want us to have concerts and activities every weekend so people want to stay on campus over the weekend."

UTM past halfway point in \$11M campaign goal

Major gifts from contributors in Union City, Martin, Nashville and Caruthersville, Mo., have helped UTM pass the halfway point in meeting its goal to raise \$11 million by June 1998.

The \$11 million goal is UTM's portion of the UT system's 21st Century Capital Campaign. The UT system goal is \$250 million, with each UT campus and institution having their own mini-campaigns. UTM's part of the campaign is called "Opening Doors to the Future."

Several contributors have helped UTM surpass the halfway point in raising money as \$6 million has been pledged or contributed thus far.

Hardy Graham of Union City contributed \$50,000 to be used by UTM without restrictions. Col. Jimmie Corbitt of Martin recently provided \$50,000 to the library at UTM for the Jimmie and Alline Corbitt Special Collections. Aaltje Van Denburg of Martin has contributed more than \$27,000 through deferred gifts and gifts-in-kind.

Robert Whitcomb of Nashville has supplied \$50,000 for the School of Engineering Technology and Engineering to purchase equipment. Sara Z. Dunagan of Caruthersville, Mo., has donated \$60,000 to endow a University Scholars Scholarship.

Another person, who asked to re-

main anonymous, has given \$100,000 to be used for scholarships.

One facet of the UTM campaign is aimed at raising money from faculty, staff and retirees. Jimmy Trentham, a UTM Biology professor, is chairing that campaign, which is called the UT Martin Family Campaign.

"The money donated by the faculty and staff is important for what it will buy, but it is just as important to show external donors that we are committed to our vision," Trentham said.

For more information on the UTM campaign, contact the UTM Development Office at 7620.

WIN: Student band places first in 'Battle of the Bands'

From the cover...

music. "It (winning the competition) has been encouraging and confidence-building," Barnes said. "It shows that we are not the only ones who (enjoy

our music)."

In their four months together, the band has played at Dot's in Martin, at the Café House and plays almost every Thursday and Friday night at Tony's Pizza in Martin.

BANDS: Members of 27B—6 say student bands deserve more support

From the cover...

them to leave the UTM scene, Barnes said.

Tony's Pizza on Lindell Street in Martin is about the only place where the band has been able to consistently play in front of an audience.

"Tony's has been great as far as giving us some place to play," Barnes said.

The band plays almost every Thursday and Friday night, and though they say it's something they enjoy doing, it really doesn't provide much opportunity for an up-and-coming band to get exposure.

The SAC Café House has had a positive effect on the UTM music scene, Barnes said.

But members of the band said it could do more to support UTM student bands.

"The Café House has given us a chance to play in front of the campus," said 27B—6 drummer Jay McCutcheon. "But they're paying these bands that come from other places but not paying campus bands."

"They're bringing in all these outside people, so bands here don't even have a chance," Barnes said. "It's like you've got to be on top to get on top."

Members of the band said the UTM music scene would flourish if it had more support from SGA, SAC and the university itself.

"If people put in as much energy supporting the scene as some people do stifling it, it would literally explode," Barnes said.

One thing Barnes said might help the music scene and provide more entertainment for UTM students is if the campus held a monthly concert, possibly in the Fine Arts auditorium.

They could invite all the better campus bands to play, he said, and charge admission to support the cost of renting a good sound system and to give the bands a minimal paycheck.

An ideal scenario to improve the UTM music scene, Barnes said, would be for "the university to sponsor an ongoing event that would appeal to different people and feature different kinds of music from campus bands."

Members of 27B—6 say their victory at the "Battle of the Bands," plus the 50 or so students that came to watch them, proves that an event like this would be profitable.

"I think people don't realize that there are some really talented musicians and really good bands at UTM," said 27B—6 guitarist Andy Willhite. "Maybe 27B—6 and Felix (another student band) going down and doing well at the 'Battle of the Bands' can prove that to some people."



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NEWS IN BRIEF...

The UTM Political Science Club is reorganizing on campus. Their next meeting will be at 5 p.m. March 21 in 210 UC.

Women in Communications Inc. is forming a chapter at UTM. Students need not be Communications majors or females to join. Any student with a commitment to pursue a career in communications is invited to join. The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. March 29 in 311 Gooch. For more info contact Teresa Collard, Communications instructor, at 7557.

Tri Beta, an honors biological society, is recruiting new members. Meetings are held every other Tuesday in 210 Brehm. The next meeting will be March 21. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

A voice teacher in Martin is now accepting new students. Lessons are \$10/hour. All levels of experience are accepted. For more info call 587-6923.

The Association for Early Childhood Education International (ACEI) will attend a conference in Washington, D.C., April 11-15 advocating children, ages birth - 14-years old. ACEI would welcome any individuals who are interested. For more info contact Dr. Merribeth Brunning, academic adviser for ACEI, at 7214.

Phi Alpha Theta, an honors History group, is accepting students who have completed 12 semester hours in History with at least a 3.01 GPA, have at least a 3.01 GPA in all other classes and are in the upper 35 percent of their respective class. The initiation fee is \$25, and chapter dues are \$5. Initiation will be in April. For more info contact Dr. Lonnie E. Maness in the History Department at 7468.

Upcoming Campus Interviews — Memphis City Schools will interview for teaching positions on March 21. SteinMart will interview for a management trainee position on March 27. John Hancock Financial Services will interview for a financial sales planner position on March 28. All campus interviews are held in the Employment Information Center. For more info or to schedule an interview, contact the center, in 250 UC.

Living With Grief: Children Mourning, Mourning Children — This teleconference, sponsored by WLJT-TV, will address bereavement issues surrounding children — assisting professional care-givers, educators and family members in dealing with both the loss of a child and the grief children experience when losing a loved one. The teleconference will be 12:30-3 p.m. March 30 in Gooch Auditorium. There will be no fee. For more info call the Department of Public Service at 587-7082.

The East Tennessee Historical Society, as a bicentennial project, is inviting people to apply for membership in the "First Families of Tennessee." Anyone who can prove descent from a man or woman who was living in Tennessee before it was admitted to the Union in 1796 is invited to join. Applicants who qualify will receive a certificate with the name of the applicant and the name of the ancestor. In 1996 the society will sponsor a giant "family reunion." The information furnished as proof of lineage will be placed in the McClung Historical Collection in Knoxville. To receive an application to register your family or for more information, contact the East Tennessee Historical Society, P.O. Box 1629, Knoxville, TN 37901 or call (615) 544-5732.

The Christophers, a New York-based international media organization, is inviting students to enter its annual video contest, in which entrants are invited to interpret their motto, "One person can make a difference" on film or video tape. The contest includes prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 for the top three entries and five honorable mention awards of \$500 each. Winning videos will air on "Christopher Closeup," a nationally syndicated TV series. Deadline for entries is June 9. For more info on entry criteria or for an entry form, contact The Christophers, 12 East 48th St., New York, NY 10017 or call (212) 759-4050.

Submissions to NEWS IN BRIEF... must be turned in to 314 Gooch by 9 p.m. Monday.

IFC, Panhellenic grades drop slightly

JENNIFER GRANT
Staff Writer

Although academic reports indicated a drop in GPA averages for most UTM IFC and Panhellenic organizations for Fall of 1994, grades have improved since the previous year.

While 11 of the 12 IFC and Panhellenic organizations had a decrease in their GPA averages in 1993, only eight out of the 12 suffered a decrease in averages in 1994. The only four organizations to increase their GPAs were Chi Omega, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Gamma Rho and Alpha Omicron Pi.

According to the report, Chi Omega had the largest increase with a .13-point jump, from 2.67 to 2.80. Pi Kappa Alpha had the largest decrease dropping from 2.57 to 2.09, a .48-point fall.

Most organizations have a GPA standard of at least 2.0, while local chapters are allowed to raise the standard. While administration doesn't typically take action toward organizations with below standard GPAs, IFC adviser John Bucy said that lately, administration has taken a closer look at these grades.

The reason is that many organizations now have an early initiation process, he said. Greek organizations traditionally have taken pledges at the beginning of a term and have begun the initiation process the following

	SPRING '94	FALL '94	CHANGE
• SORORITIES			
Alpha Delta Pi	2.83	2.81	-.02
Alpha Gamma Delta	2.93	2.75	-.18
Alpha Omicron Pi	2.92	2.96	+.04
Chi Omega	2.67	2.80	+.13
Zeta Tau Alpha	2.46	2.44	-.02
Average	2.76	2.75	-.01
• FRATERNITIES			
Alpha Gamma Rho	2.42	2.48	+.06
Alpha Tau Omega	2.36	2.46	+.10
Kappa Alpha Order	2.36	2.24	-.12
Phi Sigma Kappa	2.10	2.01	-.09
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.57	2.09	-.48
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2.75	2.44	-.31
Sigma Pi	2.20	1.93	-.27
Average	2.39	2.24	-.12

Source: UTM Student Affairs Office

semester after a GPA has been established.

More recently, however, organizations have been initiating students the same semester they have pledged. Bucy said the idea behind this comes from the national perspective of certain greek organizations who claim that it reduces hazing.

Because early initiated freshmen have no established GPAs, they do not have to prove themselves academically to enter. However, Chi Omega, one of the few greek organizations to increase its GPA, does not participate in early initiation.

Joy Eskew, a member of the organization, said that Chi Omega tries

to initiate pledges after Christmas.

"If we make them wait until January, it gives them incentive to make their grades," Eskew said.

Paul Williams, president of Sigma Pi, believes just the opposite. He said that if the pledges were initiated early in the semester, grades tended to be better because students had less time to worry about pledging and more time to study.

Whatever the case, Bucy said that, in the past, Panhellenic averages have remained consistently higher than the average female student's. However, the IFC average has sometimes dropped below the male student average.

Touch-screen Kiosk installed in UC, provides info

CHRIS DISMUKES
Staff Writer

The Kiosk computer system, which cost \$4,000 to install, is located across from the UC Information Desk and will enable students to find information about UTM.

The idea originated in celebration of the University of Tennessee's Bicentennial and was given to all UT schools by the UT system, said Bud Grimes, director of University Relations.

Initially, the plan was for all the UT systems to have the Kiosk in full operation during the middle of last year, but UTM's was only installed during the last two weeks.

The Kiosk has six options, but currently only four are in operation: UT Campuses and Institutions, Finding People, Finding Places and What's Going On.

Each option generally works the same. For example, if you need to find a professor's office, press the box titled Finding People. Another screen will appear on which the student types in the first few letters of the professor's last name. The computer will display the department, the office number and the phone number of the professor.

Similarly, with Finding Places, a student types in a department and building, and the department chair or

supervisor's name will appear on the screen.

For both options, if the student touches another box, the computer will display a map that shows the student's current location and the location he/she is seeking.

The next option, UT Campuses and Institutions, gives general information about all the schools in the UT system, including enrollment. Information is given about public service and continuing education, the UT Space Institute in Tullahoma, the medical center at Knoxville and the

Agriculture departments in the UT system.

The What's Going On option includes entertainment, athletic events, meetings and other events.

The two options not in operation are News Makers and Bicentennial. The Bicentennial option, which was designed to provide a rundown of events related to the Bicentennial celebration, has been permanently deactivated. News Makers will contain information about Chancellor Perry, outstanding alumni and possibly certain faculty members.

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

By Keiji Someya

Culture is considered to be characteristic of a country. Sometimes people who visit another country are confused because of the difference of culture, and some of them never accept another culture.

Between Japan and America there are some unacceptable cultural differences for each nation. One of these differences is that Japanese people take off their shoes before they go into the house, but American people don't.

Placing the shoes neatly side by side after taking them off is important manners in Japan. However, it is not so important in America, and most American people, I think, don't care about that. Since people put on and take off the shoes a lot of times a day in Japan, people tend to guess a person's personality from

how a person takes off the shoes. That's why the Japanese people take off the shoes neatly.

I think one of the reasons for this cultural difference is the difference in climate. In Japan, there is a lot of rain throughout the year, and the shoes get wet whenever it rains.

Besides, most houses have tatami, a kind of matting, and if the tatami gets wet, it would be useless. Therefore, people think they had better take off their shoes before they go into the house.

This one cultural difference causes differences in the ways of living and thinking. Nowadays this difference has become common knowledge, but Japanese or American people who learn about it for the first time might be surprised.

Someya is a Japanese student in the intensive English program.

Campus Crime

Student charged with theft, vandalism

BRIAN HOLLAND
Executive Editor

A UTM student was arrested last Thursday and charged with reckless endangerment, vandalism and theft after he allegedly told UTM police he had removed a smoke detector, taken an exit sign and broken ceiling tiles on Austin Peay's D-side first floor.

According to UTM police reports, Jason Lucias, a freshman Business major from Collierville, Tenn., was arrested after Austin Peay's head resident reported to

police that an exit sign similar to one that was missing from the dorm was discovered hanging in Lucias' room during a routine room check.

Lucias was summoned to UTM police headquarters where he reportedly waived his Miranda rights and said he committed the acts the previous weekend.

The housing department reported the damage from the vandalism at \$351.

Lucias was arraigned last Thursday and posted a \$1,000 bond. He faces a March 22 General Sessions Court date in Dresden.

Agape House lends a loving, helping hand to pregnant women

JERIANNE THOMPSON
Managing Editor

Agape. It's a Greek word that means unconditional love. It's also the name of the pregnancy care center located on 210 Oakland St., near the Phi Sigma Kappa house, in Martin. "It's a place where you always matter. We love each girl unconditionally," said Linda DeBoard, executive director of Agape House. Agape House is a non-profit center that is funded by members of the community and that is operated with the help of volunteers, she said, serving Weakley County and the surrounding counties.

Its mission is to assist women and men experiencing a crisis pregnancy and/or post-abortion trauma, regardless of age, race, religious beliefs or economic status.

"Often when a girl thinks she's pregnant she feels afraid and alone and that she has nowhere to turn to.

"We provide a listening ear and a helping hand. We help her work through her unplanned pregnancy," DeBoard said. "All services are free and confidential."

The services Agape House provides include:

- **free pregnancy tests.** "If it's positive, we can help her through whatever her unique situation calls for," DeBoard said. "She doesn't have to take advantage of our other opportunities after she takes the test."
- **pregnancy and fetal development information.**
- **assistance with infant care.** "We also provide a clothing ministry, where we loan baby clothing, maternity clothing, cribs, strollers and car seats to help them out," DeBoard said. "When they outgrow the clothing or if the seasons change, they can bring it in and swap. We have clothing up to size 3 toddler. Usually the girl is glad to bring it back, and she usually brings back more than she took out."
- **referrals.** "If she needs a doctor but doesn't know where to go, we'll refer her to one. We refer out for adoption, as well. We do not refer for abortions," DeBoard said.
- **a special friend program.** "If she needs special assistance, someone to take her to the doctor or someone to just go out to lunch with and talk to, we'll introduce

them to someone who will be their 'special friend,'" DeBoard said.

• **information on abortion procedures, risks and alternatives.**

"We encourage the girls to get all the information they can before they decide and to take their time — don't make a snap decision," DeBoard said.

"Regardless of what her decision is to do with the pregnancy, we are here for her, to extend a loving hand to her."

• **the PACE program — post abortion counseling and education.**

"Statistics tell us that one out of five women who have experienced a pregnancy have already had an abortion, and approximately 50 percent experience post-abortion syndrome. It can happen one month or 10 years after (the abortion)," DeBoard said.

"They experience feelings of

“(Agape House) is a place where you always matter. We love each girl unconditionally.”

LINDA DEBOARD
Executive Director
of Agape House

guilt, grief, depression or anger. The program lasts 12 weeks and allows her to work through her feelings and overcome them."

Agape House is the only pregnancy care center in Northwest Tennessee, DeBoard said. The three closest centers are in Jackson; Murray, Ky.; and Paducah, Ky.

It began as a grassroots effort.

"(Agape House) came about through local concerned citizens that wanted to provide girls experiencing unplanned pregnancies a place to sort through their situation," DeBoard said.

The group met, formed a steering committee, then elected a board of directors. Members of the board went out speaking about pregnancy care centers to area civic groups and churches, and the support grew, she said.

"We purchased the house in July 1994. We had volunteers come in and do a complete remodeling of the house," DeBoard said. "The



A LOVING HOUSE — The local Agape House offers free and confidential support, counseling and information about pregnancy for expecting mothers.

Photo by Brian Holland

wallpaper, carpet and most of the furniture were donated to us.

"We saw our first client on September first. We think the word is getting out that we're here. We saw 25 in 1994 and have seen 18 this year."

"We're an autonomous operation with our own board of directors," she also said. "But we are a member of CareNet, a nationally recognized organization that exists to assist pregnancy care centers."

CareNet has supplied Agape House with training for the executive director and board members, legal information on making sure it stays within the laws of operation and applying for non-profit status and educational material for the volunteer training seminars.

"We are totally funded by individuals — churches, civic groups and businesses," she said.

"We operate through volunteers, who must go through an extensive training seminar to be a counselor or receptionist. We hold seminars twice a year; the next one will be in September.

"We have about 15 in-house volunteers. We have other volunteers who do small things, such as errand runners, and some are part of the special friend program."

DeBoard said she got involved because she has always wanted to help people through troublesome situations.

"I have really felt a calling on my life to be involved with this type of work. I was unaware of this type of organization until about three years ago. Then I started working at Hope Unlimited in Paducah; I did my volunteer training there," she said.

"I was able to meet girls one-on-one and help. I saw ... there was no

place like that in our area for a girl that is pregnant or facing a possible pregnancy.

"I feel every volunteer at Agape House has the same calling on their life to reach out and help others. That's what we're here for."

Cecile Buchanan, a senior Social Work major from Martin, is a volunteer at the center.

She said volunteers do anything from sorting and washing clothes to watching videos to see if they would be appropriate to show to clients.

"We do all kinds of different things — pretty much anything that needs to be done, such as answering the phone, and doing mail-outs," Buchanan said.

"My major is social work, and I want to go into counseling, preferably Christian counseling. I think this is a great opportunity to do something now, before I graduate," she said.

"I'm very pro-life and would like to help girls going through a crisis pregnancy."

DeBoard said the center is always in need of more volunteers.

"Make sure this is where God is leading you (to volunteer)," Buchanan said. "Sometimes it can be (difficult). It depends on the situation.

"Sometimes you don't know what to say or how to respond. But it can also be very rewarding."

Agape House also accepts donations, whether they be money, clothing or furniture. Items can be mailed to Agape House, P.O. Box 473, Martin, TN 38237 or dropped off at the center.

Arrangements can also be made to pick up large items.

DeBoard encourages anyone who might be going through an unplanned pregnancy or who thinks

she might be pregnant to come to Agape House and take advantage of the services they provide.

"We will take walk-ins if there is a counselor available," she said. "It is best, though, to call ahead."

Buchanan said her most memorable experience was of the decision of a client after her session.

"After you go through training you have to sit in on three sessions before you can counsel on your own. I was sitting in on someone else's session, and the girl wanted information on abortion," Buchanan said.

"She watched a video, and they talked about it. We asked if we could follow up on her, and she said we could.

"She left, and when we called her she said she had decided to keep the baby and that she would be back to get baby clothes and stuff. That was pretty exciting."

"I would say that if you're thinking about having an abortion, you need to hear information about the risks and procedures. Most people who have abortions just don't understand the consequences or the risks," Buchanan said.

"Before you have one, come in and find out what exactly goes on and how it will affect you.

"We're certainly not going to make her choice for her; we just want to provide information."

"Regardless of her choice, we are here for her to provide a loving environment and support," DeBoard said.

"We provide what she needs to make an informed decision."

Anyone who would like more information on Agape House may call 588-0305 or 1-800-805-9722. Agape House is open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

After Class

ΦΣΚ presents its version of 'Saturday Night Live;' ΑΤΩ pushes a wheel barrow for charity; ΩΨΦ and ΔΣΘ sponsor events

Phi Sig Follies

Tonight, the men of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity will present "It's Saturday Night" as the theme for the 22nd annual Phi Sig Follies. ΑΔΠ, ΑΓΔ, ΧΩ, ΖΤΑ, ΑΟΠ, ΠΚΑ, ΑΤΩ, ΑΓΡ, ΣΑΕ, ΚΑ, ΣΠ and ΣΦΕ will compete by performing original skits based on the popular comedy show "Saturday

year.

The competition will be held at 7 p.m. in Elam Center. Tickets are \$5 in advance if purchased from any ΦΣΚ member or at the UC Information Desk. Tickets will also be on sale at the door for \$7.

For more information, contact the ΦΣΚ house at 587-9597.

ΑΤΩ Fundraiser

While some students will relax on beaches during spring break, the ΑΤΩ fraternity will be making a positive difference in the lives of children.

The men of Alpha Tau Omega will push a wheelbarrow from Martin to Memphis March 13-17 for their annual St. Jude fundraising project.

Between 22 and 25 members of the ΑΤΩ fraternity will take turns pushing a wheelbarrow for 120 miles until they reach their final destination in Memphis, said Rusty Workman, a sophomore Business Management major from Memphis, who is a member of the ΑΤΩ fraternity.

This fund-raising idea originated about 10 years ago, he said. Each year its support has grown from raising \$5,000 the first year to collecting \$17,000 last year. The current goal is \$20,000.

This project helps to build unity within the chapter and helps

patients who can't afford the treatment, said Allan Scherer, a senior Psychology major from Portageville, Mo. He has participated in the St. Jude project for four years.

The donations given to St. Jude are used for further research and treatment of patients.

If anyone would like to donate to this cause, make checks payable to St. Jude in care of the ΑΤΩ fraternity. Send donations to the ΑΤΩ House at 224 Hannings Lane, Martin, Tenn., 38237.

ΩΨΦ/ΔΣΘ Week

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., with the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., will host Que/Delta Week '95 March 19-25 using the theme "Beside Every Strong Black Man, is a Strong Black Woman ... Unity in the Most Powerful Way."

"The purpose of Que/Delta Week is to give back to the students, to provide a variety of events for the student body and to show unity in the most powerful way," said Mario Jones, a senior Computer Science major from Memphis.

"We also want to show sisterhood and brotherhood for the betterment of the community, as well as students," said Kacla Mayes, a junior Political Science major from Memphis.

To acknowledge those who have excelled academically, the Ques and Deltas will host an Academic Achievement Awards program at 8 p.m. Monday, March 20 in 201 UC.

Tuesday, March 21, a spring carnival with games, such as miniature golf, will be held between Austin Peay and McCord dorms in the afternoon.

Events will continue with an original, humorous dramatization "Crimson Dog House," which will be performed by ΩΨΦ and ΔΣΘ at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, in Gooch Hall.

The highlight of the events during the week is "Soul Night," which will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in the UC Food Court. Students will sing and perform comedy.

The Ques and Deltas will sponsor a greek mixer, which will be held at the Kappa House Friday, March 24.

Following the greek mixer, Bowling Madness will begin at midnight at the Starship games bowling alley located next to Cheers night club. Admission is \$2.

The grand finale of Que/Delta Week 95 is its ball, "Reflections of Radiance," at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the UC Ballroom.

Tickets for the ball will go on sale Monday, March 20. Advance

tickets may be purchased \$5 single and \$7 for couples. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 single and \$9 for couples.

An all-night party will follow the ball at Bootscooters night club. Tickets are \$4.

"We send an invitation to all students. We hope our week can be a success, because of you," Mayes said.

ΑΟΠ Pageant

The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi will present their 13th annual Miss Weakley County Pageant at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in the UC Ballroom.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Arthritis Foundation.

For further information and applications, contact Stacey Vincent at 587-3213 or 587-6149 (home).

Contributing writers: Katrina Berry and Tasha Blakney

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Night Live." All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association. Phi Sig Follies Chairman Rhett Van Vickle said they raised more than \$1,400 for the American Heart Association last year and are hoping to donate even more this

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More than 40 nominated this year for teaching award

BECKA ROBERTS
Staff Writer

Forty-two teachers were nominated this year for the National Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award, which is the highest award a faculty member can receive on this campus.

Two teachers are chosen for the award each year, and each is given a \$1,000 prize.

In order to be eligible for the award, the teachers have to be nominated two faculty members, an alumnus and by a current student, said Lucia Jones, coordinator of the awards this year and a previous recipient.

The faculty member also must have been a member of the staff for at least 18 months and teach six hours of undergraduate classes.


Last year's recipients were Robbie

Kendall-Melton and Nell Gullet.

The teachers who meet the criteria will go to the second stage of the process, where they are evaluated by students in all of their classes. All evaluations will be turned in to the computer lab on Friday, and the results will be tabulated over spring break. The results will be formally announced at the Honors Day luncheon.

Teachers nominated this year are: Barbara Gregory, Helmut Wenz; Jerry Gresham, George White, Rhelda Barron, Marvin Downing, Kay Durden, Gordon Morris, Tommy Cates, Ross Shelton, Richard Shadden, William Zachry, Michael Gibson, Carroll Slack, Louis Mauldin, Henry Parker, Tom Schmidt, Ed Timmerman, Robert Erk, Saul Barr, Tom Noble, Bob Hathcock, Dan McDonough, Marti Herndon, Gracie Purvis, Dorothea Norton, Rustin Greene, Richard Griffen, Neil Graves, Parker Cashdollar, Rodney Thomsen, Milton Simmons, Kevin Lambert, Cile Grasfeder, Jim Alewine, Jim Deck, Paul Anderson, Nancy Warren, K. Paul Jones, Maurice Fields, Roger Fisher and David Gibson.

Teachers who were nominated but who were ineligible because they had received the award within the past 10 years were: Judy Maynard, Robbie Kendall-Melton, Bob Figgins, David Cooper, David Pitts and Ted Mosch.


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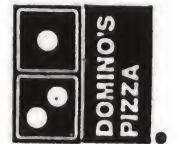
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Data base links students with alumni, jobs

PENNIE HENDREN
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Students "C.A.N." find a job with the help of UTM alumni... and a database in the Employment Information Center.

The Career Alumni Network, C.A.N., is a computer-based program designed to provide guidance,

professional interaction, resources and support to UTM students from UTM alumni. The database is accessible in the Employment Information Center, 250 UC.

"C.A.N. is a service of UTM alumni willing to help students to check career paths, check the job market, make contacts for possible internships, as well as maybe full-

time jobs," said Candace Goad, director of the Employment Information Center.

Students can access the database for alumni, majors, occupations and locations. Data includes how and where to contact the individuals listed. More than 300 alumni contacts are in the database. The majority of the job contacts are in Memphis and Nashville.

The majors and occupations listed are: accounting, advertising, arts/entertainment, broadcasting, computers, dentistry, education, engineering, finance, government, health care, insurance, journalism, law, law enforcement, management, medicine, military, ministry, personnel, physical therapy, public relations, sales, science, social work and statistics. Miscellaneous occupations are also listed.

Facilities named after McWherter

MATT MONTGOMERY
Associate News Editor

The UTM Agricultural Pavilion and the Swine Research Facility will be named after former Gov. Ned Ray McWherter, said Executive Vice Chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan.

The UT Board of Trustees made the move at its February meeting. The two names being considered for the three-building complex are the Ned Ray McWherter Agricultural Center and the Ned Ray McWherter Agricultural Complex, Dunagan said.

The main reason for naming the complex after McWherter is his

help in getting the complex built, Dunagan said.

"It started around 10 years ago when he was speaker of the House (in the state legislature). He did a lot to help us in getting that on campus," Dunagan said.

"We have always wanted to do something to recognize him, but it is standard procedure to wait until elected officials are out of office before recognizing them in such a way."

McWherter is currently working for the Clinton administration, and it will be April before McWherter can attend a dedication. The date of the dedication will be finalized next week, Dunagan said.



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SGA News

SGA seeks support for grace period

SGA members are seeking faculty support in obtaining a grace period during the week before finals.

Agriculture Representative Eric Maupin, who is chairperson of the effort, said that, at this point, he and other SGA members are meeting with different faculty members to find out their opinions on the matter.

Maupin said that they want to get

a good idea of how many faculty members will back them before taking the idea before a committee.

"I want everybody to have thought about it and have made their mind up so we can get this done before finals," Maupin said.

Maupin said that he and other SGA members have received a good response from both faculty members and students so far.

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There are no clear favorites in 1995 NCAA tournament

ANDRE JOHNSON
Sports Editor

As the 1995 NCAA basketball tournament nears, taking over afternoon soap operas, basketball fans around the country will experience one of the most electrifying sudden-death events ever.

No top 25 team has shown signs that they are a clear-cut favorite to win college basketball's most prestigious prize, so it's obvious that this year's tournament winner could be a sleeper like the Villanova Wildcats of '85.

Let's face it, college basketball fans, any team could walk away from Seattle with the NCAA crown, any team except 11-18 Florida International, the team with an airport name.

But regardless of which team goes 6-0 and survives the battle in Seattle, I must reveal my exciting tournament predictions.

Just how many teams shared that number one spot in the coaches' poll this season? Isn't anyone concerned about that? Well, I am because the current Number One team is my favorite to win the NCAA tournament and to stand alone as champions of the field of 64.

Yes, that's right, those "John Woodenless" UCLA Bruins, who took over the college basketball scene with their spurt of titles in the late '60's and early '70's, are my pick to capture this year's NCAA Championship.

The Arkansas Razorbacks, who were the nation's best team a year ago, will have a shot at defending their national title, but they won't go any further than the sweet 16 (regionals).

Teams that I predict will join UCLA in Seattle are Massachusetts (UMass), Kentucky, and, get this, the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. This team has already proved that it can beat any team, just ask North Carolina, a great team that were swept by the Deacons during the regular season.

Finally, this tournament would not be such an exciting event without a Cinderella team. Some of those overrated clubs had better watch out for a dangerous University of Memphis team.

Johnson is a sophomore Communications major from Memphis. This guy simply dreams sports.

EKU beats Lady Pacers in tourney

UTM rallies, falls short in first round of OVC tourney

ANDRE JOHNSON
Sports Editor

This contest appeared as if it was going to be an Eastern Kentucky rout early on, but the UTM Lady Pacers rallied late, despite falling short to the Lady Colonels, 80-76.

Coach Sharman Coley's Lady Pacers, who got a taste of post-season play for the first time as a Division I program in the OVC tournament,

hung around down the stretch, but time ran out on her club as EKU advanced to the semifinal round.

"I thought we played well in the second half. We were getting shots, but we just could not get them to fall," Coley said.

Eastern Kentucky, who finished in a four-way tie for the top spot during the conference regular season, only dressed eight lettermen in Saturday's quarterfinal matchup. But its leading scorer, Kim Mays, who averaged 32.1 points in two games against UTM prior to Saturday's game, tallied a team-high 22 points for the Lady Colonels.

UTM was paced by its leading scorer, Tara Tansil, who had a team-high, 17 points in her final game as a Lady Pacer. Tansil finished her ca-

reer as the second all-time leading scorer in the school's history, 52 points shy of Mary Kate Long's 1,754 career points.

Tansil scored the game's first points off a driving layup, but EKU answered as the Lady Colonels led by as many as 16 points in the opening half.

The Lady Pacers shot 38 percent from the field and converted one-of-two three pointers in the first half. EKU nailed five-of-seven three pointers and that was the difference as the Lady Colonels lead UTM, 46-31, at intermission.

The second half was a well-controlled affair for EKU most of the way, but with just over seven minutes remaining, UTM produced a run and closed EKU's lead to single dig-

its, 67-58.

After an EKU basket on its next possession, the Lady Pacers made another dramatic run, this time cutting the deficit to 69-67, with 4:14 left to play.

EKU answered the UTM run and increased its lead to 77-71 with just under two minutes remaining.

The Lady Colonels iced the game with some late free throws as they held on to advance to the semifinal round.

UTM finished the season under the five hundred mark with a record of 12-15.

"It was certainly a great honor to be a part of the post-season tournament, but it would have been even better had we made it to that championship game," Coley said.

UTM baseball team pounds Delta Devils, 18-3

The UTM baseball team, who got off to a shaky start, has shown some progress of late as junior pitcher Brian Rosbury pitched seven innings in the Pacers 18-3 win over Mississippi Valley State Saturday.

Rosbury, who lost to national power Ole Miss earlier this season, improved his record to 2-2.

First baseman Bryan Bullington of Bruceton, who is the team's batting leader at .461, went a perfect five-for-five with four RBI's and a pair of doubles.

Bullington cracked his first home run of the season against the Delta Devils.

"We hit the ball well, got some good pitching from all three pitchers and produced the routine plays," said Pacer coach Vernon Prather. "Hopefully, this will be a good sign for our team."

Other Pacers contributing to UTM's win were third baseman Daisuke Oda of Japan and catcher Harry Spotts of Chapel Hill, who each knocked homers and drove in four runs.

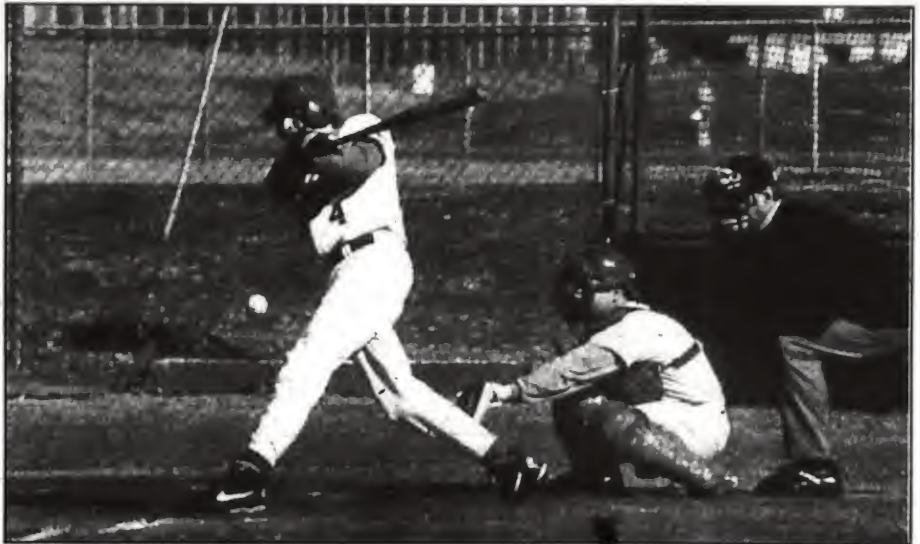
The second game, which was scheduled for Sunday, was postponed because of rain and will take place later in the season.

UTM will host Southern Illinois Friday and Saturday here in Martin.

In UTM women's softball action: **Lady Pacers 9, Tennessee State 1** **Lady Pacers 3, Tennessee State 1**

The UTM women's softball team opened OVC play on a high note by sweeping the Tennessee State Lady Tigers in a weekend series, 9-1 on Saturday and 6-1 on Sunday.

With the weekend sweep over TSU, the Lady Pacers improved their record to 3-1 on the season, and are set to take part in two spring break



BATTER-UP! — UTM freshman outfielder Troy Crawford (4) swings for a hit during a game last week at Pacer Stadium. The Pacers blasted MVSU, 18-3, last Saturday. **University Relations**

Tansil, Hart receive OVC honors

UTM's Tara Tansil was named to the All-OVC second team and Michael Hart was named OVC Newcomer of the Year by the league's head coaches and sports information directors.

Tansil, who ended her career on a high note as a Lady Pacer in leading her club to post-season play for the first time at the Division I level, was just 52 points shy of surpassing Mary Kate Long all-time scoring mark of 1,754.

"Tara (Tansil) has certainly established herself as one of the league's top players and has been

a leader for this club for the last four years," said UTM women's coach Sharman Coley.

Tansil averaged 16.8 points a game during the regular season and finished eighth overall in the conference scoring race. She was third in the league with 4.5 assists a game and sixth in free throw percentage, shooting 78.4 percent from the charity stripe.

Hart, a junior college transfer out of Lebanon, Mo. (East Central CC), was also named to the All-OVC second team along with teammate **See OVC, page 11**

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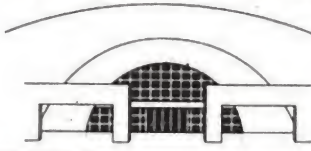
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**OVC: Tansil and
Hart get honors**

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DeWayne "Pooh" Powell.
Hart finished fourth in the OVC in scoring, averaging 18.6 points a game and seventh in rebounding with 7.6 boards a game. The All-OVC newcomer also finished third in the league with his 53.1 percent shooting from the field.

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**Swim Meet and
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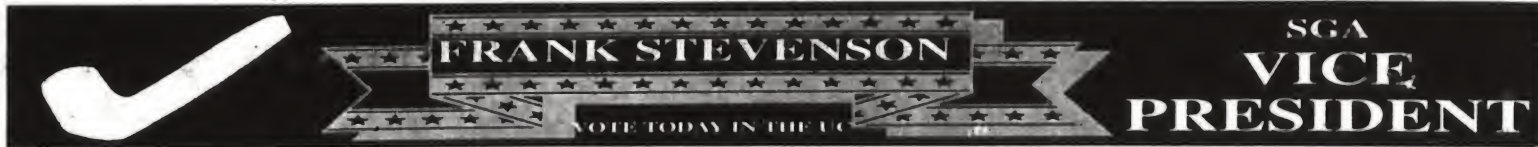
Get ready swimmers because this is the swim event you do not want to miss. The swim meet will consist of individual and team races along with a inner-tube water polo match. The event is set for March 23rd at the Elam Center Pool. The event starts at 6:30 and you sign up at the event. Contact the Office of Campus Recreation for additional info.

Racquetball Club

The next racquetball club meeting is set for Tuesday, the 21st of March at 5:00 in the Student Lounge of the Elam Center. If you're an avid racquetball player and want to get involved, come by and check us out.

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